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Promoting peace and reconciliation through restorative justice

Last year the military operation against ISIS ended in Iraq and now the security forces are in control of most of the country, but the military victory against ISIS alone will not provide grantee of future security for Iraqi citizens in general and minority such Eizidy and 'Christian in particular, in post ISIS era we have conducted the empirical study to looks into Iraqi subjectivities of the violence and conflict. The study found that both humanitarian acts and strong leadership were of major significance to achieving reconciliation and reducing ethnic and religious divides. Further, poverty, corruption, marginalisation and inequality were revealed as significant barriers to leadership gaining trust, and have such previously endangered peace processes, preventing the development of sustainable reconciliation processes. Along with stronger leadership and promoting reconciliation processes based on restorative justice, rather than traditional justice systems in post ISIS era alongside other efforts, will give Iraq a good opportunity to put back country together and prevent the further violence.

Throughout our study report found that most of Iraqi from all different background had a great pride of the divers society of Iraq, however, most of them felt Iraq after ISIS is not the same Iraq they use to know, and they strongly believes that the government and non-state actors of Iraq must do more to encourage their communities to reconcile with one and another and which majority of them were in favour of restorative justices mechanism.

Finally the Eizidy community case should be payed a special attention and all actors within Iraq must provide concrete assurance for future safety and security of minority and the government of Iraq along with KRG should do everything they can to find missing women and children which they were kidnapped by terrorist organisation ISIS.